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Sir:

The attached SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF WILLIAM R. ASHURST UNDER 36 CFR §1.131 and the following remarks are offered in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004.

The withdrawal of many of the rejections is noted with appreciation. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the invention as claimed meets all statutory requirements for a patent, and Applicants therefore continue to traverse the remaining rejections. In view of the attached Supplemental Declaration and the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.